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WEATHER

The first part of the week was dry with seasonable temperatures; the 21st-25th saw a return to stormy, wet weather. Two falls of heavy, wet snow were reported in the western Panhandle.

The bulk of the precipitation fell on the 23rd and 24th with 1-2 1/2 inch storm totals common in the southeast. Strong winds were observed in the West on the 21st and 22nd and in most sections on the 24th and 25th.

Average weekly temperatures ranged from near normal in the south-western Panhandle to seven to eight degrees above normal in the Northeast.

CROPS

Field conditions improved sufficiently during the early part of last week to allow field work to resume. However, rain and snow towards the end of the week curtailed most activity. Feedlots and farmsteads were beginning to show some improvement but conditions are again extremely bad and continue to cause feeders many problems and hardships.

In some areas farmers were able to get into the field for parts of two days to harvest remaining row crops. Grain

sorghum harvest is now 94% complete and corn 97% complete. The quality of grain sorghum now being harvested is poor.

With little fall plowing accomplished because of wet fields and with intentions to plant higher acreages of row crops, farmers have a lot of work ahead of them in order to prepare seed-beds for spring plantings. Some stalk cutting, fertilizing and disking were accomplished before this last rain but progress was limited.

Winter wheat condition is rated above normal and the highest on this date since 1970. Adequate to surplus moisture supplies across the State have helped boost spring growth. The crop looks good except in areas where water has stood.

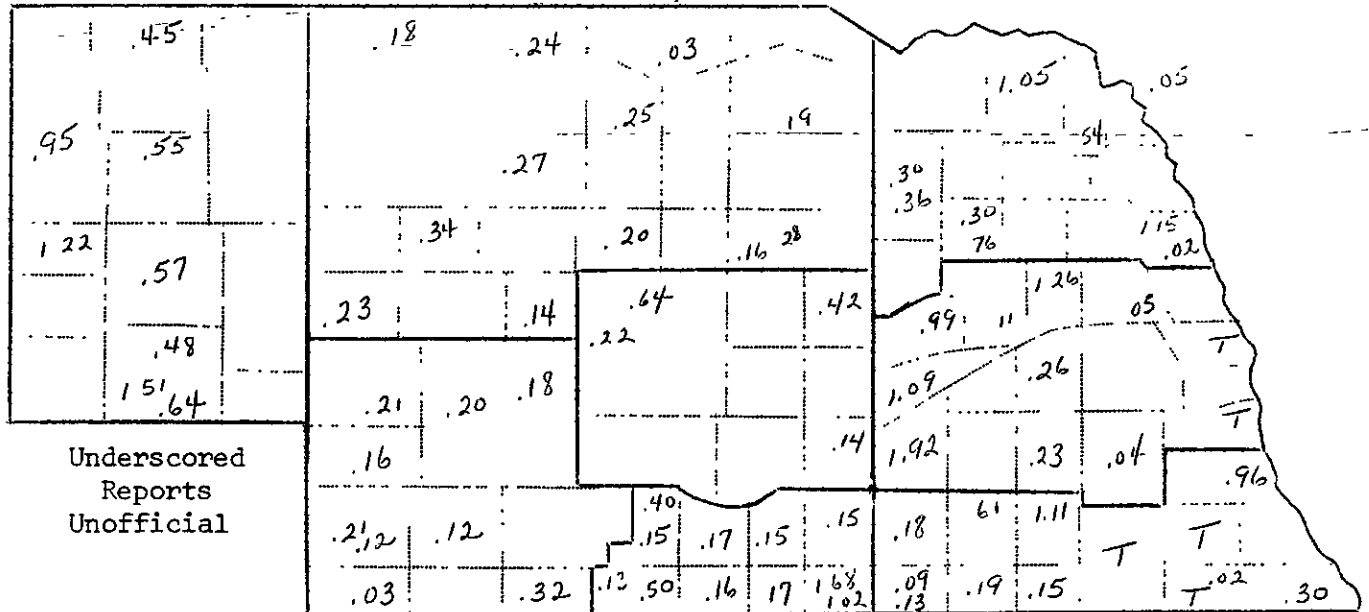
LIVESTOCK

Just when feedlots were beginning to improve from the prolonged muddy conditions, additional rain this last few days has returned them to a quagmire. Sickness, deaths, and slow gains continue. The cool, wet weather has been hard on new born calves, pigs, and lambs. Supplemental feeding is still necessary where field conditions do not allow sufficient grazing.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 3/25/73

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	2.00	Burwell	.38	Chadron	.54
Lincoln	2.30	North Platte	.34	Imperial	.54
Norfolk	1.95	Valentine	.55	Scottsbluff	1.25
Omaha	1.86			Sidney	.84
Sioux City	1.64				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 23, 1973



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Daytime highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Nighttime lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		March		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	49	23	59	38	51	33	48	29	49	33	37	33	40	38		
	Scottsbluff	46	24	56	33	51	33	53	28	48	31	40	33	45	30		
	Sidney	43	21	53	32	56	29	52	30	50	31	35	30	35	27		
NC	Burwell	50	22	54	27	55	34	61	38	53	40	45	37	43	--		
	Valentine	51	21	53	32	56	33	58	39	56	38	42	35	41	48		
NE	Norfolk	48	25	51	25	56	38	51	39	51	43	56	38	46	38		
	Sioux City	43	26	53	26	57	34	49	40	61	45	48	43	52	39		
CEN	Grand Island	50	24	50	27	55	35	60	42	46	44	45	39	41	38		
EC	Lincoln	47	29	53	25	57	40	56	40	50	44	46	41	46	40		
	Omaha	48	30	53	29	54	37	48	39	55	43	44	40	47	40		
SW	Imperial	54	24	54	31	55	36	60	32	58	33	39	34	39	35		
	North Platte	53	25	54	28	57	36	61	--	51	33	40	36	42	33		

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